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HAITI MUST MAKE GOOD

The election of General Dartigue as President of the Haitian republic by the national assembly does not mean that the country is re-established among the society of nations and has been purged of its recent crimes.

This is the rule that President Wilson has laid down, in practice, regarding Latin-American States. It is an ancient American policy, in fact, but has received notable emphasis in the instance of Mexico.

BARON ISHII'S TASK

Baron Kikujuro Ishii, Japanese ambassador to France, has accepted Premier Okuma's tender of the foreign portfolio in Nippon's government, and will be the cynosure of the world's eyes for many months to come.

Japan is at the threshold, of what, no man can say. With aggressive designs, with dreams of empire building, of mastery of the Orient, of dominance in the Pacific ocean, he views the conflict across the Atlantic with interest equal to that of the United States, and with even more immediate concern.

The new foreign minister has visited the United States, and is not unacquainted with American customs, laws, and sentiment. He is disposed toward friendship with us, and that relationship will be maintained so long as Japan really desires to support it.

THE FUNCTIONS OF A LIBRARY

The modern library is much more than a collection of books. Among other things the Washington Public Library is an art collection.

The sort of art is not that which sells for fabulous prices, and requires the bequests of millionaires to buy; in fact the entire collection at the library here is said to have cost about \$600.

By making use of the magazines and newspapers, and by taking advantage of chances to buy prints of the old masters, and the new ones, too, the library has acquired a collection of thousands of pictures which are of high educational value.

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These are the sad facts. Many whose confidence in the virtue of the inscrutable lady has been unshaken will not believe this of her now. Others who think the whole world

dents. The geographical collection is drawn upon freely by newspapers for reproduction.

This is only one phase of the service rendered by a modern library such as has been developed here to a marked degree.

THE JITNEY AS A "FIRST AID"

Again the humble jitney comes to the rescue. Out in Chicago it won attention for effective service during the street car strike. In Washington it rushes as a "first aid" to the travel along Sixteenth street which otherwise might have been inconvenienced by the stoppage of the herds.

The operation of the jitneys along Sixteenth street furnishes a hint of a use to which the jitney might be put in many cities with the least interference to regular street car lines. Street cars probably will never be permitted on Sixteenth street any more than they would be allowed on Fifth avenue or Riverside Drive in New York.

On Sixteenth street the jitneys might well be made to serve about the same purpose that the more unwieldy buses now do on the New York thoroughfares mentioned. Many visitors to Washington wish to ride out Sixteenth street, on which are some of the Capital's most beautiful homes, and a number of the embassies and legations of foreign powers. There is likewise a goodly amount of local traffic to be had on the street for any conveyances that would render regular and comfortable service.

THE SALOON'S NEW SIDE LINE

Soon, in Indianapolis, the "boys" will be able to wander up to one bar in that city, nonchalantly prop a foot on the rail and a knee against the bar, and call for a "nut sundae."

The canny saloon keeper explains that many men come as far as the front door when some one in the group will assert his preference for a drug store, and off go the potential customers. The temperance folk believe that sweets and alcohol have a mutual antagonism, and if a man can be induced to have that first nut sundae, they promise, he will be immune from any further alcoholic appetite for the day.

There used to be a juvenile court judge in Washington who recommended that those who came to him for imbibing too freely should carry lumps of sugar in their pockets and eat one every time they wished a drink until one ruddy nosed prisoner asked how he was to carry all that sugar around. That stumped the judge.

McCutcheon once drew a cartoon in which he graphically pictured what might happen if the unwritten laws of "treating" were applied to eating chicken, and the last cartoon of the series showed the party in dread dyspeptic agonies while the table was piled high with the "rounds" of chickens. To the innocent bystander the nut sundae problem looks as dangerous as the chicken marathon. The saloon may prosper for a time, but what is to become of the digestions of its patrons?

The experiment will be watched by temperance folk and others alike. Even the drug stores should not suffer much. Instead of aromatic spritzes of ammonia the "morning after" feeling will call for pepsin. Or will the saloon try to furnish that, too?

A ROMANCE OF ART

Everyone suspected that "Mona Lisa" had a deep, dark secret behind that inscrutable smile. For years she has been a sort of a hostess at the Louvre, greeting streams of pilgrims with her famous smile unclouded, and cheering but perplexing them as they passed to the more alluring if less puzzling ladies on exhibition there.

All these years her reputation has been, like Caesar's wife's ought to have been, above reproach. Her conduct has been impeccable, her character unassailable. Even when she so mysteriously disappeared no one attributed her flight to a vulgar element, and even when she was found in seclusion in Italy not a whisper went around that she may have made off with one of those irresistible Italian counts.

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is allied with "kultur" may think, if they will, that the Joconde at last has fallen a victim of modern "efficiency." Even a thing of beauty, she may have realized, cannot be a joy through numberless centuries. To those who believe this another idol has been shattered.

Just how the stealing of the "Mona Lisa" by a single Italian was going to disrupt the relations of the Italian and French governments is not clear, but why spoil a modern romance by quibbling about commonplace facts?

WAR ECONOMIES

English women have organized a society in which they bind themselves to curtail the use of imports, to wear gowns till they are worn out instead of discarding them because of change of style, to employ no men as servants save those who are incapacitated for war, and to use motors only in cases of necessity.

But the Germans, by systematic and enforced frugality, by substitution and invention, have raised the art of economy to the nth power. The close attention of their chemists has been given to providing something to serve in the place of the cotton which war left on our pier and in our warehouses. Nettles and willow trees provide the best material. The nettle fiber, extensively used before our Southern fields put their wealth at the disposal of European countries, is now treated by improved methods and gives large returns.

Detailed reports of the best way to use the fiber of willow bark have been published and several patents have been taken out for making it available in textiles. This fiber is finer and stronger than that of hemp and is nearly equal to that of cotton in strength. Its absorbing power is so great that it is in constant demand for hospitals.

Our cottonseed oil and the olive oil of Italy have been imported into Germany for years in enormous quantities. Their place is being rapidly taken by oil extracted from sunflower seeds. Since sunflowers can be abundantly cultivated in almost any soil, and since the flavor of the oil is proving not unpalatable, a taste may be formed that will permanently banish cottonseed oil from some kitchens and tables in Germany at least. A satisfactory treatment is also being used for transforming fish oils into edible fats.

Before the war camphor gathered from the camphor tree of Japan was an important import into Germany and was used both in medicine and in the manufacture of smokeless powder; but the synthetic camphor of the laboratory is of greater purity, stronger as a disinfectant and, at present prices, cheaper than the vegetable product.

The close alliance between government and the theoretic knowledge of the school has made economies possible in Germany that dwarf those of other countries. In the civil war our grandmothers patched and darned the cotton garments of the family till little of the original was to be seen, and dipped tea and sugar with scanty measure. But if we should ever engage in a world war we should have to organize our economies after the German model as carefully as we should organize our soldiers and munitions.

Judging from the manner in which Galliard cut has been cutting up, those first battleships to pass through the canal will also be the last.

Nothing is proved by the Pennsylvania scientist's assertion that no man ever saw a hoopsnake, except that prohibition is making vast strides.

Of course, a jitney line on the Avenue of the Presidents doesn't necessarily imply that the next campaign funds will be operated on the same expansive scale.

Dante's only mistake was in writing his "Inferno" before seeing Mexico first.

From an European point of view, the latest eruption of Vesuvius is a rank failure, all the women and children having escaped.

WHAT'S ON PROGRAM IN CAPITAL TODAY

- Today. Concert, United States Soldiers' Home Band, at bandstand in grounds. Masonic-Hope Lodge, No. 20. Odd Fellows-Lodge, Central, No. 1; Metropolitan, No. 14; Phoenix, No. 28. Marcha Washington Rebekah, No. 3, and Dorcas Rebekah, No. 4. Amusements. Keith's-Vaudeville at 2:15 and 8:15 p. m. Glen Echo Park-Open-air amusements all day and evening. Tomorrow. Odd Fellows-Patriarchs Militant, drill and social. Knights of Pythias-Ways and means committee. Columbus of Columbus-"Boaters" smoker. Columbus Country Club. Meeting, District Suffrage League, People's Forum, Eighth street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest, 8 p. m.

GEORGE WASHINGTON WINS FOR AUSTRIA

Genealogists Making Study of Work of Distant Relative of America's First President.

George Washington has been winning medals for distinguished service in the American army. This fact, mentioned in dispatches, set German-Americans to studying the genealogy of the Father of the Country. Washington descendants in this country are about as numerous as those who trace their ancestry back to the Medway, in the Washington family long has been prominent in Austrian affairs.

A few genealogical experts, however, recalled that the Dutch-Austrian branch of the Washington family has been prominent in continental affairs for centuries. The explanation, offered by one historian, was written to the Baltimore Sun, is this: "It is, of course, well known that the American Washingtons are descended from that John Washington who fled from England in company with other royalists during the supremacy of Oliver Cromwell. It was about the time that Henry Washington followed Charles II into exile into Holland, there marrying the daughter of a burgo-master in Rotterdam."

This branch of the Washington family, the records show, lived in Holland for several centuries, by a descendant, James Washington, fought with the Bavarians in the wars of 100 years ago, which brought about the downfall of Napoleon. About the time of the battle of Waterloo this James Washington was created a Bavarian baron. The account concludes, says Washington's son, Baron Maximilian Washington, settled in Austria after marrying the Royal Duchess Frederica of Oldenburg. It was in Austria that the first President of the United States, and the writer has been informed that they bore the same arms as the Washingtons of America. The present George Washington is a widower, fifty years of age, and reports to be the last of this European line of the Washington family.

TAKES IN STRANGER AS HER HUSBAND

English Woman Fooled by Alleged Impostor, Representing Himself as British Sergeant.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—A remarkable case was heard in Manchester court, when a man was arraigned on the charge of falsely representing himself as a sergeant Herbert Dandy, of the Manchester regiment. The testimony brought out that the real wife had been reported missing at the Dardanelles on July 15 and that his wife had been so informed. Eleven days later the alleged impostor, Mrs. Dandy's husband, was wearing khaki. When she asked who he was he replied, "It's Herbert." They were married, and he stayed at the house.

The neighbors began to express doubt as to the man's identity when the wife saw him. Finally, she was ordered to identify any of them correctly. Then he was arrested, but Mrs. Dandy's relatives are still uncertain.

Is Mother of Five Babies in 18 Months

BROOKLYN, Aug. 13.—Mrs. Anna Bellomo has presented her husband with five babies in a year and a half. He is very proud. Twins, boy and girl, were born fifteen months ago, and triplets, two boys and a girl, were born last month, and so is the mother. This is her second essay at twins, a pair having been born eight years ago. They grew up, and she had five more children in three births. All are living.

Concerts Today

By U. S. S. Mayflower Band, at the Navy Yard, at 4 p. m.

- H. J. PETERMAN, Bandmaster. March, "Dreadnaught"; "Losey Overture"; "Fra Diavolo"; "Auber Waltz"; "Gendarme"; "Marche Selection"; "Hocodone"; "Fonchelli Serenade"; "Under the Palms." Haack Excerpts from "Rigoletto"; "Ardi Finale"; "Down in Bom-Bombay." Carroll "The Star-Spangled Banner."

By the Naval Gun Factory Band, Navy Yard, at 8 p. m.

ANTONIO CELFO, Director.

- March, "Heroes of the Isthmus." Overture, "Morning Noon and Night in Vienna." Suppe "Inseln"; "Hesitation." The Night. "Inseln"; "Hesitation." The Night. Grand Selection, "Aida"; "Verdi (a) "Wrap Me in a Bundle." (b) "Down in Bom-Bombay." Carroll Gems from "The Prince of Pilsen." Patrol, "I'm on My Way to Dublin Bay." Arranged by Lampe (Paraphrase on the popular song.) "The Star-Spangled Banner."

By the U. S. Soldiers' Home Band, Bandstand, at 8:40

EMIL A. FENSTAD, Assistant Director.

- March, "Firat Brigade, I. N. G." Weldon Overture, "Beautiful Galatia." Suppe Characteristic, "Sleigh Bell Dance." Brooks Grand Selection, "The Bohemians." Descriptive Fantasy, "Winter." Fucini Waltzes, "The Rose That Will Never Die." Snyder Finale, "It's Tulip Time in Holland." Whiting "The Star-Spangled Banner."

By the Engineer Band, at Garfield Park, 7:30 o'clock.

- FRANK J. WEBER, Chief Musician. March, "Colts' Army"; "Smith Overture"; "La Marseillaise"; "Thomas (a) Marseillaise"; "Whispering Flow-ers"; "On Mountain"; "Polonia"; "On Mountain"; "Halt"; "The Star-Spangled Banner." Echoes from the Orient; "Huckle Selection"; "High Jinks"; "Friml Waltz"; "Jolly Fellows"; "Volstead"; "The Star-Spangled Banner." One-Step, "Sandy River Rag"; "Allen"; "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Gold Shipment Places Enormous Task Upon U.S. Treasury Officials

Mint Authorities Test Every Coin and Bar Through the Melting Pot—No Guarantee Accepted—World Extensively Scraped for Gold to Send to United States.

The receipt by the United States Government of \$35,000,000 or more of imported gold imposes a task on the Treasury, the New York treasury, the mint, and the New York assay office of proportions that the public does not realize.

There has been a remarkable dearth of detailed information regarding the shipment, and even in official circles it has been impossible to learn even the precise amount of gold shipped, or in what form it came.

It has not been widely realized how extensively the world has been scraped over for gold to be sent to the United States. In the last few months the very unusual phenomenon of large gold imports from China, by way of our west coast, has been observed.

LIQUIDATION IN CHINA.

These amount thus far to about \$20,000,000 according to the best information that officials have been able to get. But there has been the utmost difficulty getting the official, custom house figures to tally with information from financial circles, both as to these Pacific coast receipts and as to movements from Canada.

The importation of gold from Japan is not unusual, though this country normally has a considerable trade balance against it in its transactions with both Japan and China. But gold imports from China are unusual, and a curious explanation has been suggested for the recent movement in this direction from that country.

It is that German investments in China have been in process of liquidation, as far as possible, save at great risks, to send gold or securities to Germany, so it is suspected that the price at which the German holdings have been sold has been represented to a considerable extent by movement of gold to this country; it is at least safe here, and can wait till more auspicious times for further movement.

New Gold Current. Even from Australia a considerable amount of gold has come to this country, and more is expected. Shipment from this quarter have thus far amounted to about \$2,000,000. Finally, it is known arrangements are making for the transfer of gold in future direct from Cape Town to the United States. This will be a new gold current, for South Africa's gold has heretofore gone direct to London and from there been distributed to the world. The arrangements for direct imports to this country are presumed to be inspired by desire to avoid the necessity of carrying the precious cargoes through the war zone. It is considered highly significant that these arrangements have been found desirable, because it suggests that the British have a suggestion from their resources all over the world, and planning to cope with every exigency that may arise.

Through the Melting Pot. The physical operation of handling a huge importation of gold is one to appal the mint and assay authorities. One man takes gold on faith, the other bar may look like gold, feel like it, weigh like it; but no difference. It must be melted up by the assayers and guaranteed to be of the right quality and fineness. A British sovereign is no more sacred in the eye of the mint assayer than a dollar is in the eye of the mint assayer. The only gold that can get past the Government without being melted and assayed is American gold coin, and even it is received by weight, not by count; it would be too easy otherwise for a group of enterprising speculators to accumulate a stock of coins, sweat them for a comfortable profit, and then unload it on Uncle Sam.

Part Payment Made. It was stated that the biggest single consignment of gold that ever went to the assay office in a single day, in such form that it required to be melted, was about \$2,000,000. The task, then, of handling a single job of possibly \$35,000,000 may be imagined. It would require a long time, and if the owners of the gold were compelled to lose its value for business purposes the interest loss would be considerable. Gold on the seas always loses its interest during transit.

But Uncle Sam does all he can to minimize the losses. When an importation of bullion comes here, consigned to a banking house, it is hauled around to the treasury, and after examination is carried to the assay office. A part payment is made in a check on the Treasurer of the United States. It is the custom to pay as large a percentage of the invoice value as can be advanced with entire safety; commonly about 75 per cent. Beyond that, the payments are deferred until the assayers have given the entire consignment an official certificate of character.

Account of Stock. Authorities on gold are having a hard time nowadays trying to keep track of the world's stocks. Since the war began an immense amount of gold has been added to the money stocks of the world, especially in Germany, France, and Italy, where people have from patriotic motives contributed art works, jewelry, and the like to the national supplies of precious metal.

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ROMANTIC HERO IS KILLED AT FRONT

Baron von Bleichroeder Dies in Action With Germans During Warsaw Advance.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 13.—Baron von Bleichroeder hero in a romantic love affair of high court circles that eclipsed fiction, has been killed in action with the German army before Warsaw, according to Berlin advices received here last night.

The young baron caused the beautiful Princess Sophie of Saxe-Weimar to shoot and kill herself in his father's castle two years ago because barriers of rank prevented their marriage. The baron, son of the famous German banker and heir to one of the greatest fortunes in Europe, dropped out of sight until his name was posted in the latest casualty lists. Fresh from Berlin and Heidelberg, the handsome young baron fell gallantly in love with the princess. Her father, who once had been a riding master and waiter in New York, but had been elevated to nobility later, he obtained wealth, is said to have looked on the match with favor, but the Grand Duke Ernest, head of the House of Saxe-Weimar, threatened to disinherit the princess if she married beneath her rank.

For seven years the princess sought to move the grand duke. Finally the baron-lover gave up in despair and sailed for America. He plunged into the New York stock market, and in 1910 the old love called him back. There were no meetings between the baron and princess and according to Paris newspaper secret meetings and trips incognito through France. Then the princess made an appeal to her father and the grand duke. There was a violent scene in Heidelberg castle. The princess refused to her apartments, about 1000 guests and servants rushed in to find her dead.

SUPERSTITION CAUSE OF GRAVEYARD SUIT

Objections to Homes on Old Cemetery Site Lead to \$170,000 Foreclosure.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—The Mutual Life Insurance Company has filed suit in the supreme court against the trustees of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Gustave C. Herre, and others to foreclose a mortgage for \$170,000 on the old Catholic cemetery property occupying the bulk of the block bounded by Eleventh and Twelfth streets, Avenue A and First street, between the cathedral and the city hall.

It is understood that the necessity of foreclosure arises from the failure up to the present time of the plan for disposing of the plot for building lots for tenement houses. The plan under consideration when the property was bought from the church was to build houses to be occupied by the poor, but the promoters soon learned that Italians had serious objection to living on property that had once been a burying ground, and that if it became generally known that 5,000 persons had at one time been buried there the houses would be hard to fill with tenants. It was last year that the houses were moved to Calvary Cemetery in 1909.

DRY ARIZONA SHUTS OUT CHURCH WINES

Railroad Refuses to Carry It Until the Law Is Construed By Court.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Aug. 13.—Churches which use wines for sacramental purposes will not receive renewed supplies until suit is brought to test the State prohibition law on that point, according to Eugene S. Ives, railroad attorney. Mr. Ives filed a letter with the State, representing the Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception here, said the railroads would not accept for shipment wine and other beverages containing alcohol, no matter for what purpose such beverage was intended, until the law had been construed by proper judicial authorities.

Parents Can't Identify Son, Ask Grandmother

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Glass, of Jersey City, who left a few days ago for Norman, Okla., to identify boy as their son, James Glass, who was stolen May 12 last, have wired to relatives they are uncertain as to his identity. Now the child is to be brought back for Jimmy's grandmother to look at. If it is Jimmy, she will know him, she says, and the parents believe she is right. It seems that Jimmy's grandmother can settle the question if anybody in the world can. She has had the care of the child during the greater part of his four years, and had grown as fond of him as he had of her. The attention the grandmother lavished on him was the result of the absence from home of his father, who is a traveling salesman. Jimmy's mother travels, too, and as his care devolved upon the grandmother.

Divorcee to Marry Husband's Best Man

HARTFORD, Aug. 13.—Senator E. W. Hooker has announced his daughter, Rosalie Turner Hooker, will be married this month in San Francisco to Francis Stilwell Dixon, New York artist, son of Capt. J. W. Dixon, of Flushing, L. I. Mr. Dixon was best man at the marriage of his cousin, Prof. William C. Welling, and Miss Hooker, she divorced Mr. Welling at Boise, Idaho, several months ago.

Now G. W.'s Oak Must Go

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—An oak tree 150 years old, to which George Washington tied his horse several times while campaigning in 1783, has been ordered removed from the center of Prospect street, Madison, N. J., by Chairman Pieren of the common council road and sidewalk committee. More than 100 requests have been received for pieces of the tree.

LONDON EXCHANGE LOWEST ON RECORD

British Pound Now Worth Only \$4.73 3-16, According to New York Quotations.

CRUISER AND STEEL STEAMER WRECKED

Portuguese Warship Founders and Swedish Vessel Goes Ashore.

Extra Cipher in Date May Block Hanging

Art More to Her Than Husband; Gets Divorce

Street Cars in Smash On Brooklyn Bridge

Several were slightly injured.